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Claims After Amendment

1. (Currently Amended) An ambidextrous open utensil, comprising a pair of opposing joined pockets, one pocket sized and dimensioned to receive substantially an entirety of four finders of an adult human hand, and the other pocket sized and dimensioned to receive a thumb of the hand, the entire utensil comprising a continuous molded piece of flexible material.

A utensil for handling sensitive material comprising:

a) a pair of opposing pockets for receiving a user's hand, wherein each of the pockets has an open end and a closed end; and,

b) a hinge joining together the pair of pockets at the open ends thereof, wherein the hinge biases the pockets in a closed position such that the pair of pockets are separable by the user for gripping the sensitive material at the closed ends of the pockets.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein the <u>flexible material comprises a</u> <u>plastic having memory.</u> pair of pockets and hinge are made from flexible plastic material having memory.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein the <u>utensil is color coded. pair of pockets and hinge are made from flexible metal material having memory.</u>
- 4. (Currently Amended) The utenside as in Claim 1 wherein the pair of pockets and hinge are made from a flexible paper-material having memory.
- 5. (Original) The utensil as in Claim 1 made of a color indicating a task designation.
- 6. (Original) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein opposing surfaces of the pair of pockets are flat.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The utensil as in Claim 6 wherein the opposing surfaces are bent inward near enclosed ends of the pair of pockets, thereby forming pincers that <u>facilitate</u> enable the handling of small articles.

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